

SENATE BILL 1903

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
36-1-119, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-119, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) If no appeal has been taken from any order of the court, the court must complete or dismiss the adoption proceeding by entering a final order within one (1) year of the filing of the petition, unless the petitioner shows good cause why such final order should not be entered. Failure to complete or dismiss an adoption proceeding within one (1) year of the filing of the petition is not grounds to vacate an otherwise valid order of adoption.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.